

## DEPARTMENT SUMMARY

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The research conducted by the faculty in the Department of National Security Affairs in 1998 covered a variety of topics of direct interest not only to national policymakers, but to America's forward deployed warfighters and peacekeepers.

1. Several members of the Department conducted extensive research on the future of Naval Strategy, especially the impact of the Revolution in Military Affairs on forward deployed naval forces. A major project also was undertaken to draw lessons from the 1996 Taiwan straits crisis for future naval operations in Asia. This research resulted in three major publications emphasizing the importance of naval forces to U.S. foreign and defense policy.
2. Several members of the Department have undertaken a multi-year effort to support DoD counterproliferation policy, deterrence theory, and to evaluate existing and potential arms control agreements. The Department has become a major center to support the national level policymakers in the effort to respond to the spread of chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons. As part of this research, faculty at the school have begun to reach out to other schools engaged in PME to spread professional awareness and scholarly interest in this threat to national security. The Department also is exploring issues related to potential National Guard missions in response to domestic terrorist incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.
3. The Department has become a major center for both the study and teaching of civil-military relations. Faculty not only travel the globe teaching and conducting field work, faculty have produced a steady stream of monographs and articles on the subject.
4. In 1998 faculty have produced books, articles, research reports, reviews on topics dealing with Latin America, Europe, Asia, The Middle East, NATO, the RMA, Naval Strategy, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Terrorism, Command and Control, Intelligence, Civil-Military Relations, Air Power, etc.
5. The Department also hosted several conferences dealing with the future of Professional Military Education and nuclear weapons in the former Soviet Union.

In summary, the research output and interests of the Department are growing. The Department offers its sponsors many talented individuals who not only are experts in specific policy or regional areas, but also understand the constraints and needs of policymakers.